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Title:Need to allot shops and stalls for physically challenged persons at railway stations under the Janani Sewa Scheme.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Speaker, Madam, under the able guidance of hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, I would like to insist on the Government to allot shops and stalls for physically challenged persons at railway stations under the *Janani Sewa* Scheme. According to the announcement made by the Government in the current year's Railway Budget, Zonal Railways have been advised to ensure availability of baby food, hot milk and hot water at railway stations on payment basis. Further, under the *Janani Sewa* Scheme, most of the major railway stations are advised to provide food, milk to the passengers on payment basis.

In this regard, I would like to insist on the Government to provide certain percentage of stalls under this Scheme for the physically challenged persons as it was prevalent before. Such kind of compassionate attitude of the Ministry of Railways will ignite a lamp of hope in the lives of physically challenged persons. At an initial phase, I would urge the hon. Minister to instruct the Southern Railways to provide such kind of stalls on a pilot basis to the physically challenged persons in Thanjavur Railway Station in Tamil Nadu.